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MEXICO FOR RFA

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1. WITH MINISTER PRESIDENT ARRON AND TOP OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND FISHERIES LOOKING ON, AN OFFICIAL OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN CARACAS TURNED OVER TO THE GOS ON JUNE 20 TWO 73-FOOT MODERN FISHING VESSELS TO PROVIDE FISHERIES TRAINING FOR SURINAMERS. THE BOATS, WHICH WERE BUILT IN MEXICO BY SOUTH AMERICAN MARINE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, WERE FINANCED UNDER A \$1 MILLION GRANT FROM THE GOJ SIGNED IN MAY 1976 AND ARE PART OF A FISHERIES TRAINING CENTER WHICH JAPAN IS HELPING SURINAM TO ESTABLISH.

2. THE TWO BOATS, NAMED "SREFIDENSI ("INDEPENDENCE") I AND II", CARRY COMPLEMENTS OF 15 AND 12 RESPECTIVELY. THE
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FORMER IS A MULTIPURPOSE VESSEL EQUIPPED WITH RADAR, LABORATORY APPARTUS AND VARIOUS CATCH SYSTEMS. THE SECOND BOAT IS DESIGNED FOR CATCHING SHRIMP. BOTH HAVE A HORSEPOWER OF 400 AND HAVE FREEZING FACILITIES ON BOARD.

3. SIX JAPANESE EXPERTS WILL SPEND TWO YEARS IN SURINAM

TRAINING SURINAMERS TO OPERATE THE BOATS AND SEVERAL SURINAMERS WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO JAPAN AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA FOR TRAINING. FUNDING FOR THE TRAINING, WHICH WILL COVER FISH CATCHING AS WELL AS NAVIGATION AND CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR OF EQUIPMENT AND VESSELS IS PART OF A FIVE-YEAR PROJECT WHICH IT IS HOPED WILL BE FINANCED FROM NETHERLANDS DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUNDS.

4. COMMENT: JAPANESE GIFT OF THE TWO BOATS IS APPRECIATED BY GOS WHICH IS SEEKING TO DIVERSIFY ITS SOURCE OF ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, HAVING UNTIL NOW BEEN LARGELY DEPENDENT UPON THE FORMER MOTHER COUNTRY, THE NETHERLANDS. WITH THE OPENING OF A JAPANESE EMBASSY IN PARAMARIBO EXPECTED LATER THIS YEAR OR EARLY IN 1978, IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT JAPANESE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL INTERESTS IN SURINAM'S DEVELOPMENT WILL EXPAND COMMENSURATELY.
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